

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): Ronald S. Maynard
Title: THIN-FILM SHAPE MEMORY ALLOY ACTUATORS AND
PROCESSING METHODS
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COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
Washington, D. C. 20231

RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

This paper is responsive to the non-final Office action dated March 1, 2000, having a shortened statutory period set to expire June 1, 2000. Filed herewith is a Petition for Extension of Time requesting a three-month extension, thereby giving the undersigned a period until September 1, 2000, in which to respond. Further examination and consideration are requested.

AMENDMENTS*In the Claims*

Please amend the claims as follows:

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23. (Amended) A shape memory alloy catheter comprising:
a catheter body formed with a sidewall portion [and at least one micro-fabricated
transducer];